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SUBJECT: MALAYSIA UNDECIDED ON TIMING OF KOSOVO RECOGNITION

REF: A. STATE 13716

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Classified By: Political Section Chief Mark D. Clark, reason 1.4 (b and d).

(C) Political Section Chief delivered ref A demarche, urging quick recognition of Kosovo's anticipated independence, on February 11 to the Malaysian Foreign Ministry's acting Under Secretary for UN and Multilateral Political Affairs Bala

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Chandran Tharman. Polchief also recalled our January 15 demarche on Kosovo (ref B). Bala Chandran stated that the Malaysian government, while it remained sympathetic, had not made any final decision yet on Kosovo independence or the timing of Malaysia's recognition of the new country. Polchief followed up with Bala Chandran during a February 12 meeting, but received no further response other than assurances that senior Malaysian officials were aware of the U.S. position.  
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